

House Resolution 520

By: Representatives Smyre of the 132nd, Porter of the 143rd, Hugley of the 133rd, Randall of the 138th, Williams of the 165th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Leadership Academy for Girls and its patron, Ms. Oprah Winfrey; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Leadership Academy for Girls was founded with the purpose of providing
4 highly talented and motivated but impoverished young women of South Africa with the
5 opportunity to obtain a first-class education and training in life skills in preparation for
6 leadership roles in society; and

7 WHEREAS, the idea for the academy originated in 2000 with a pledge of \$10 million by Ms.
8 Oprah Winfrey, who, since 2006, has taken on all financing of the \$40 million school; and

9 WHEREAS, the academy will graduate 75 girls in three years and guarantees to support
10 them educationally in medicine, education, and the arts and sciences; and

11 WHEREAS, the academy will produce the world's first leadership class which is collectively
12 and personally grounded in the experiences of poverty and social deprivation; and

13 WHEREAS, as Rev. Andrew J. Young has stated, "this sounds like what the Rev. Martin
14 Luther King, Jr., called 'a revolution in values,' which all the world desperately needs."

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body commend the Leadership Academy for Girls and its patron, Ms.
17 Oprah Winfrey, for their great vision and contributions to the welfare of society.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Oprah Winfrey.